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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2008, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on June 27, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks. This paper includes:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.